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1. AT THEIR MEETING ON MARCH 4 IN BRUSSELS AT WHICH THEY
AGREED TO INITIATE DISCUSSION WITH ARAB GOVERNMENTS REGARDING
POSSIBLE COOPERATION AGREEMENTS,THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE
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MEMBER STATES OF THE EC APPROVED THE TEXT OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE

IN WHICH FRG FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL WOULD PROPOSE EC/ARAB COOPERATION TO THE TWENTY ARAB GOVERNMENTS. WE HAVE OBTAINED IN CONFIDENCE A COPY OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE AND OUR POSSESSION OF IT SHOULD NOT BE REVEALED.

2. THE TEXT OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE IS IDENTICAL TO THAT FORWARDED IN REF A IN ITS FIRST FOUR PARAGRAPHS. IN THE FIFTH PARAGRAPH, THE WORDS "WITHOUT DELAY" WERE DELETED (FROM THE SECOND LINE OF THE TEXT CONTAINED IN REFTEL A) AND A QUALIFYING CLAUSE WAS ADDED. THAT PARAGRAPH NOW READS AS FOLLOWS (THE MISSION'S UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION):

3. BEGIN TEXT. IN THE LIGHT OF THE RESULTS OF THIS MEETING, THE NINE ARE THEN PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE, AT THE LEVEL OF EUROPEAN AND ARAB EXPERTS FOR EXAMPLE IN THE FRAMEWORK OF WORKING COMMISSIONS, A STUDY OF THE WAYS AND MEANS FOR THEIR COOPERATION WITH THE GOAL OF DECIDING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON CONCRETE RECOMMENDATIONS. END TEXT.

4. PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE, WHICH SUGGESTED A MEETING OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THIS YEAR, WAS REWORDED AND NOW READS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT. WHEN IN THE OPINION OF BOTH PARTIES THE RESULTS OF THIS WORK JUSTIFY IT, A CONFERENCE BRINGING TOGETHER THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE COMMUNITY AND OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES CAN BE ORGANIZED FOR TAKING THE NECESSARY DECISIONS. END TEXT.

5. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE CHANGES IN PARAGRAPH 5 WERE MADE AT THE INSISTENCE OF THE DUTCH. PARAGRAPH 6 WAS INITIALLY REDRAFTED TO READ THAT THE MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS "COULD BE ORGANIZED;" FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT INSISTED THAT THIS BE CHANGED TO "CAN BE ORGANIZED" ("POURRA ETRE ORGANISEE" INSTEAD OF "POURRAIT ETRE ORGANISEE").

6. AS STATED IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE, AND NOTED BY SCHEEL IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER THE MARCH 4 MEETING OF THE NINE MINISTERS, HE WILL BE ACTING IN HIS DUAL CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE POLITICAL COOPERATION OF THE NINE AND OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE COMMISSION

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WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE SECOND STAGE OF THE DISCUSSIONS (IN THE WORKING GROUPS) WHEN SUBJECTS WHICH FALL UNDER THE COMMISSION'S COMPETENCE ARE DISCUSSED.

7. IN A DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR GREENWALD ON MARCH 5 (SEE SEPTTEL, EC COMMISSION ICE PRESIDENT SOAMES SAID HE CONSIDERED THE FINAL VERSION OF THE PARAGRAPH ON THE MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS TO BE CONDITIONAL IN TONE; HE SAID JOBERT HAD SUCCEEDED

IN CHANGING "COULD BE ORGANIZED" TO "CAN BE ORGANIZED" BUT THIS
DID NOT IN HIS (SOAMES'S) VIEW CHANGE THE FACT AHT THE PHRASE
DESCRIBING THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A MEETIN IS CONDITIONAL IN
TONE ("WHEN, IN THE OPINION OF BOTH PARTIES, THE RESULTS OF THESE
EFFORTS JUSTIFY IT, A CONFERENCE...CAN BE ORGANIZED TO TAKE THE
NECESSARY DECISION.).GREENWALD

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